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SOUTH SIDE AND CENTRAL APPOINTMENTS

Appointments were made for the faculties of both Central and South Side grade schools Monday night at the regular meeting of the School Board. These appointments include:

South Side: Mrs. Laura Houghland, principal; Miss Zella Brown, Seventh Grade; Miss Mattie Ward, Sixth Grade; Miss Beulah Griffin, Fifth Grade; Miss Ruth Perkins, Fourth Grade; Miss Martha Dearing, Third Grade; Miss Fay Snidow, Second Grade and Miss Anna Bledsoe, Primary. John Judy received the appointment as janitor.

Central: J. E. Howard, principal; Miss Ruth Cawthorn, Eighth Grade; Miss Margaret Eisenberg, Sixth Grade; Miss Frankie Cawthorn, Fifth Grade; Miss Jennie Karnes, Fourth Grade; Miss Dula Bernard and Miss Mary Hatcher, Third Grade; Miss Pauline Craddock and Miss Hattie Pryor, Second Grade; Miss Priscilla Sannbeck and Miss Nanie Wright, Primary. The successor to Mrs. Lena West, resigned, for the Seventh Grade work has not been decided on. Hugh Donnelly will be the janitor.

The school board has entered into a contract with John Palmer to purchase his property west and north of Central School and just as soon as they receive title the open sewer there will be closed.

South Side School will have all the rooms in the newer part decorated this year.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS WERE ELECTED MONDAY

One new teacher was added to the staff at McMillan High School at the meeting of the Board of Education Monday night and several new ones were appointed to take the place of those who had resigned.

There is still a vacancy, however, as it has been impossible to get a suitable teacher to take the place of Arthur Bothe, resigned, owing to the Board's inability to pay a sufficient salary for the director of athletics and teacher in science. Mr. Bothe will attend Columbia University, New York it is said.

Those appointed Monday night were: J. T. Angus, Principal; Miss Katherine Welch, vice-principal; A. Gorrell, vocational agriculture; Miss Edna Lindsey, Teacher-Training; Miss Sarah Culbertson, Mathematics; Miss Kitty Turley, Mathematics; Miss Lucy Denham, Latin and French; Miss Edith Etheridge, History and Drawing; Miss Opal Gooch, Business; Miss Evelyn Prather, History; Miss Virginia Pearson takes Miss Mary V. Houston's place as English teacher; Miss Lucile Staton takes Miss Hall's place in Spanish and French; Miss Anna M. Payne takes Miss Helen Wilkin's place in Freshman English; Miss Roy Ellen Stewart has Vocational Home Economics and Miss Helen E. Rooker has the new position created as teacher of Science and physical training of girls.

Mr. Hawthorne the superintendent of schools is corresponding with several prospective teachers to take the place of Mr. Bothe, but is uncertain when he can fill this vacancy.

MISS CHAPMAN AND CLAUD MOSLEY MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Louetta Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chapman, of Mexico and Claud Mosley of Thompson, were married at Thompson last Saturday evening by the Rev. Mr. Hagerman, pastor of the Baptist church there.

Miss Chapman was in the junior class at McMillan High School this year and her marriage came as a surprise to all who knew her. Mr. Mosley is in the grocery business at Thompson, where the newly married couple will make their home.

The Ledger joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

W. F. Harwell of Marshall was in Mexico Monday.

PARKING LAWS ARE VIOLATED BY CAR OWNERS

Automobilists are violating one of the principal ordinances of the city when they park nearer intersections than twenty feet and City Marshall Painter has started a campaign among them to see that this law is complied with.

When cars are parked so near the intersections there is a liability of collision and also the pedestrians are more liable to be injured. Markers are placed at the right distance back from each intersection and no portion of the car should be placed between it and the corner.

"Another thing in which the automobile owners are careless is in parking their cars at the curbing at the proper angle," says Mr. Painter. "The proper angle according to the law is at forty-five degrees, while car owners use every variation from this, from parking parallel to nearly straight in, in the only place where square where cars should be backed straight in, is the only place where parking is always properly done."

"These ordinances were drawn to protect traffic and keep accident liabilities at a minimum and if I can get the same co-operation from car owners in this as was given regarding tail lights we can make Mexico practically an accident proof city," said Mr. Painter.

JUDGE CARTER SAYS POLITICS WONT BOTHER

Judge Alex Carter, of this city, constitutional convention delegate from this district representing the Democratic party, was home in Mexico, Tuesday, and stated that he believed all politics had been ruled out of the gathering in the capital as the chairman was a Republican and the vice-chairman a Democrat and all committees would be evenly divided between the parties.

Judge Carter says it is hard to tell this early in the convention just what will be the outcome.

The history of these conventions varies. Some are short and others long drawn out. The Missouri convention previous to this organized in a day while the present consumed a week in this matter.

COUNTRY SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Students in the country schools of Audrain county who are taking work higher than the eighth grade are in Mexico taking final examinations for credit in accredited schools.

Those at McMillan High School Thursday morning were: May Hendrix, Margaret Hendrix, Mada Mongler, Zella Wainscott, Anna Bess Crump, David Lipp and John Helvering of Moline and Ruth Kammermeyer, Kathryn Schoneboon, Hilda Hafner, Dorothy Moore, Helen Moore and Everett Elam.

About twenty-five took these examinations in the winter and the same number are expected this spring.

T. W. CARTER PERSONAL ESTATE VALUED OVER HALF MILLION DOLLARS

The inventory of the estate of Thomas W. Carter, late president of the Carter Commission Co., of St. Louis and a former Mexico resident was filed in St. Louis Monday. It shows personal property reaching a total valuation of \$567,123.98, including the residence at 5 Portland place. Carter, who died March 4, left his estate in trust for his family. He has a number of close relatives residing in this city.

C. D. Sherer has been called to Seneca, Mo., by the illness of his mother.

Miss Marguerite Greer is home from Marshall where she taught English in the high school this year. She has been engaged for next year at an increase in salary.

This Year's Crop

The many farmers to whom we have talked regarding this year's crops are all optimistic over the outcome.

The frowns and worries attendant upon the plentiful rainfall of the Spring have been dissipated by the splendid planting results which followed their hard work when the skies cleared.

It looks like a big crop year and everyone is doing their best to make this outlook materialize.

Audrain county and Audrain farmers are always to be depended upon in any crises. That is why Audrain county is a good place to live in.

L. Mitchell White

DR. C. W. BITTING ADDRESS CLASS 1922 AT M.M.A.

The graduation exercises of the Missouri Military Academy were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Christian church and the Rev. C. W. Bitting, of St. Louis, made a most inspiring and worthwhile address to the class of 1922 and the large audience present. A splendid program completed the morning exercises which included the presentation of diplomas.

The forty-one seniors who receive their diplomas Tuesday are: Wall, C. L., Sedan, Kansas. Hoblitzell, Adrain, Skidmore, Mo. Davis, W. C., Blandville, Ill. Murray, A. G., Oklahoma City, Okla. Semple, C. W., Jefferson, Iowa. Stewart, H. H., Joplin, Mo. Rockwood, C. S., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ladd, J. S., Fayetteville, Ark. Ochterbeck, W. J., Brazil, S. A. Blake, E. B., Oklahoma City, Okla. Cooper, Francis, Arkansas City, Kans.

Craig, A. B., Wichita, Kans. Grubb, V. P., Oak Grove, Mo. Gunn, H. E., Danville, Ill. Lentini, M. G., St. Louis, Mo. Schusterbeck, W. H., Brazil, S. A. Barnes, C. W., Jr., Topeka, Kans. Boyer, W. B., Walters, Okla. Coon, T. B., Springfield, Mo. Corbin, D. E., Chickasha, Okla. Dreyer, F. S., St. Louis, Mo. French, J. T., Kansas City, Mo. Harris, M. J., St. Louis, Mo. Jenkins, R. L., Culverton, Kans. Johnston, R. M., Kewanee, Ill. Larsen, J. L., Chickasha, Okla. Lisse, G. B., Danville, Ill. McDonald, M. S., Wichita, Kans. Musgrove, C. R., Pawhuska, Okla. Parke, J. W., Jasper, Minn. Parkinson, J. L., Lawton, Okla. Reynolds, F. D., Moline, Ill. Scott, M. W., Topeka, Kans. Sivalis, C. T., Bartlesville, Okla. Tayrien, W. J., Bartlesville, Okla. Thomas, W. S., Carrollton, Ill. Thomas, W. S., Medicine Park, Okla.

Van Allen, M. L., Danville, Ill. Webber, G. G., Eldorado, Ill. Wyeth, R. L., Charleston, Ill.

AUDRAIN COUNTY BOY WILL GO TO STATE FAIR FREE

Ed C. Offutt will give an examination to boys between 10 and 17 years of age in arithmetic, geography and agriculture to pick the winner from Audrain county who goes to the state fair this fall without charge.

This is an annual contest and is put on in every county in the state each summer under the direction of Geo. L. Cole of Jefferson City who has charge of boys' activities at the fair. The examination will be held June 3 in the Circuit Court Room in conjunction with the regular examinations of the county school teachers which takes place June 2 and 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Chase and Mrs. Mary Ewing wish, through the Ledger, to say good-bye to their many friends here, as they go today to their new home in Colorado.

Miss Josephine Wallace departed for New York Thursday where she will visit her sister, Miss Mildred Wallace, who is studying voice there.

R. D. Rodgers is home from a pleasant visit in Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. John Salles of Moberly, was in Mexico the first part of this week undergoing treatment for her eye.

The Madison Hotel at Jefferson City will change hands June 23, when it is sold under the hammer due to the appointment of receivers for the Star Clothing company there. The home of James A. Houchin on Capitol Ave., there, Houchin's Park, and the Madison Hotel are included in the sale.

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MATRIMONIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PHONE CO.

Is the Mexico office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company becoming a matrimonial agency? This is the question worrying J. G. Sigler, local manager, as there were five resignations of operators in four months, all of whom are married.

Miss Marie Sullivan, chief operator, who had been with the company for fourteen years started the stampede when she was married December 24. Then Miss Obie Hall, who had been with the company two and a half years was married the first week in January. In March Miss Georgie Martin resigned to get married after six years with the company and in April two were married, Miss Frankie Peters on the ninth and Mrs. Ethel Boatman the nineteenth. The former had been with the company two years and the latter five years.

It takes six months to make an experienced operator, and as the company maintains twenty here it is a serious blow to them when so many leave in so short a time. It is estimated that the cost of educating an operator is \$150. So the matrimonial agency, if such it can be called, has cost the company \$750, due to the loss of these five operators within four months.

BUILDING ROADS FOR MISSOURI SLOW PROCESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 12.—Work on the state road system to be built under the 60-million-dollar bond issue probably cannot begin until next year Theodore Gary, chairman of the state highway commission, said here.

Mr. Gary said several obstacles are in the way of selling the first installment of 10 millions and the beginning of work this year on the big state system which is permitted under the new road law. The steps yet to be taken in preparation are:

1. Completion of old road projects under the Morgan-McCullough law; it has been decided the money to finish the old work must be in the state treasury and that will not be until next month, before any bonds may be sold. There are 250 old road projects, most of them small, now in process of completion.

2. The fifteen hundred miles of "higher type" connecting the larger cities of the state must be laid out and approved; before that is completed there must be hearings to determine what roads shall compose the "primary" system.

3. The apportionment of the 60-million fund among the 114 counties now being worked out. This will cause much dispute and possibly lawsuits by counties that do not believe they have obtained their proper allotment.

Mr. Gary also pointed out the new federal aid law requires that state roads must be maintained after federal money is expended on them. Missouri as yet has no law to provide maintenance.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL GRADUATES ONE STUDENT THIS YEAR

The parochial school of the Catholic Church, which started last year, will have one graduate this spring, in Miss Mildred Ziegler. The graduation exercises will be next Sunday at St. Brendan Church and will include the awarding of honors to about twelve other students for high grades. This school is in the same class with the grade schools of the city it is said, except more religious subjects are studied.

There will be a picnic Monday which will close the school year.

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SEES PASSION PLAY ABROAD WITH 5000

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green are home from a delightful European trip and while in Germany witnessed on May 9th an invitation performance of the world famous Passion Play at Oberammergau. Only newspapermen and women and the prominent government officials were invited.

Mr. Green presented his card as a representative of the Mexico Ledger and was extended the courtesies of the performance with 5000 other newspapermen and government officials. While in Oberammergau Mr. and Mrs. Green stayed at the home of Anton Lange.

They traveled 15,000 miles during their absence and Mr. Green says that Europe has awakened that it must work out its own salvation and is busy seeking this end. He reports conditions materially improved over what they were a year ago when he was abroad.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONCERT UNDER WAY HERE

Plans are being rounded out to give Mexico even a stronger concert program the coming year than was enjoyed last season, when the strongest selection of artists were brought here that Mexico has ever known.

George May, head of the conservatory of music at Hardin College will see several artists personally when he makes his trip to Europe this summer and promises that he will bring Fritz Kreisler and John McCormack to Mexico next year if it is possible to get them in this part of the country. He will also see Mme. Marguerite Namara, soprano of the Opera Comique in Paris and the Chicago Grand Opera Company to obtain her presence here if possible.

The St. Louis symphony Orchestra is assured and through the personal friendship between Mr. May and Rudolph Ganz it is expected Mexico will have another opportunity to hear this noted pianist.

The concert season will start in November and it is planned to have the last number in April rather than in May.

VOID B. Null Graduates With High Honors

VOID B. Null, the grandson of G. B. Null of Mexico and son of Tom Null, who died several years ago, graduated with the Centralia High School 1922 class with the highest honors attainable when he received sixteen "Es."

VOID is only 18 years old and is a talented musician and a great favorite with all who know him. A fine future is predicted for VOID by all who know him.

Elisa Moore's Application Approved. An application for a blind pension has been approved for Elisa Moore, a negro of Vandalla who has been with the Hollingsworth family for many years. As this fund has been depleted for this year it is uncertain when his pension will start.

Students at Westminster College have pledged \$12,490 towards the \$500,000 this college is trying to raise. This amount is said to represent the pledges of only ninety-six students and many others are expected to assist.

W. F. Williams and wife have returned to Chicago, after a pleasant visit with Mexico relatives.

Mrs. B. F. Robertson and small son have departed for St. Louis where they will visit several days before they return to their home in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Westrop were called to Jacksonville, Ill., Sunday by the serious illness of the latter's sister, Mrs. James Goacher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green have returned from a pleasant trip to Europe.

SCHOOL YEAR OF MCMILLAN ENDED ON FRIDAY

The McMillan High School closed its year's work Friday evening when the commencement exercises were held at the school auditorium. Presentation of diplomas was by S. P. Emmons, president of the School Board, and the address was given by Dr. F. A. Calmer of Fayette.

Miss Norma Tolson, was Valedictorian, and Miss Helen Frances Austin was Salutatorian of the 1922 graduating class at McMillan High School. The other honor graduates were: The Misses Hazel Guthrie, Elizabeth Wilson, Marjorie Lakenan Barnes, Alice E. McFarland, Alice R. Crockett, Naomi E. Montgomery, Betty Crockett, Helen Johnson and Flossie Sheerman.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson was also selected as the best all around student in the class, the one who was of the most worth to the school considering all phases of school activities. Miss Rita Barnes was the winner of the D. A. R. Medal in American History.

The following were the graduates:

Louise Allen
Mary Grey Ankrom
Helen Austin
Berry Axzell
Marjorie Barnes
Rita Barnes
Beulah Bledsoe
Theodore Campbell
Marie Canada
Mary Leah Carter
Alice Crockett
Elizabeth Crockett
Ina Draine
Cloyd Dunn
Carroll Glover
Charles Allen Gorrell
Esther Gulick
Hazel Guthrie
Harold Harris
Emery Haycraft
Clifford Hildebrand
Coral Hollingsworth
Assa Johnson
Gladys Johnson
Allie Leone Logan
Alice McFarland
Pearl Meyer
Naomi Montgomery
Claude Moran
Parnell Mullins
Donnell Pearson
Eldon Reed
Virginia Richards
James Rodhouse
Edith Rutter
Flossie Sheerman
John Shoush
Frederick Stallings
Britt Steele
Cecil Tanner
Winnibelle Thompson
Frances Tinsley
Norma Tolson
Clarence Torreyson
Martha Tupper
Clarence Turner
Joe D. Walstrom
Forrest Weir
Elizabeth Whitson
Elizabeth Wilson
Gladys Ziegler

JUDGE HARRIS PETITIONED AS CONGRESSMAN

The many friends of Judge David H. Harris of Fulton have been urging him to enter his name for the Democratic nomination as Congressman from the Ninth District, and a petition requesting him to enter the race was presented him carrying the signatures of many members of the Callaway County Bar and officers of the Circuit Court.

When the petition was handed Judge Harris he expressed appreciation of the compliment and has taken the matter under advisement. Judge Harris has already filed for the nomination as Circuit Judge for another term and expressed himself as being well satisfied with his present work as it is in line with his previous training and life work. A definite decision is expected shortly.

H. M. Bartels has returned from a pleasant two weeks' vacation with relatives in New Canton, Ill. Mr. Bartels reports prospects fine for crops.

E. F. Ketter is the guest of Mexico relatives.

Mrs. W. B. Nichols, of Oklahoma City, is the guest of Mrs. J. F. Griffith.